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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER

1. PRIME MINISTER POUL HARTLING WILL BE SIXTY YEARS OLD ON AUGUST 14. AS SCANDINAVIANS CONSIDER A DECIMAL BIRTHDAY TO BE AN OCCASION FOR SPECIAL OBSERVATION, HE WILL RECEIVE CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS FROM OTHER SCANDINAVIAN PRIME MINISTERS AND POSSIBLY FROM OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE PRESIDENT SEND A SIMILAR CONGRATULATORY GREETING. HARTLING'S RECENT MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT, PARTICULARLY THE PRIVATE CONVERSATION AT POMPIDOU'S FUNERAL, WERE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ON THIS OCCASION WOULD BE BOTH AN APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP GESTURE AND A MEANS OF RE-EMPHASIZING THEIR FRIENDLY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP.

3. HARTLING HAS SUCCEEDED SURPRISINGLY WELL IN THE EIGHT MONTHS HE HAS BEEN IN OFFICE, WINNING THE RESPECT OF OTHER PARTY LEADERS AND OF THE GENERAL POPULACE IN THE PROCESS. DURING THIS TIME HIS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITHIN OUR COMMON ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIP AND ON SOME OCCASIONS, NAMELY THE ECG CONFERENCE, HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL.

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4. SUGGEST FOLLOWING TEXT: "ON THE OCCASION OF
YOUR SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY, PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRIME
MINISTER, MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST
WISHES FOR CONTINUED HEALTH AND SUCCESS. SIGNED,
RICHARD NIXON".
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